



HADDENHAM
Parish Council

Riparian Responsibilities and Flood Resilience in Haddenham

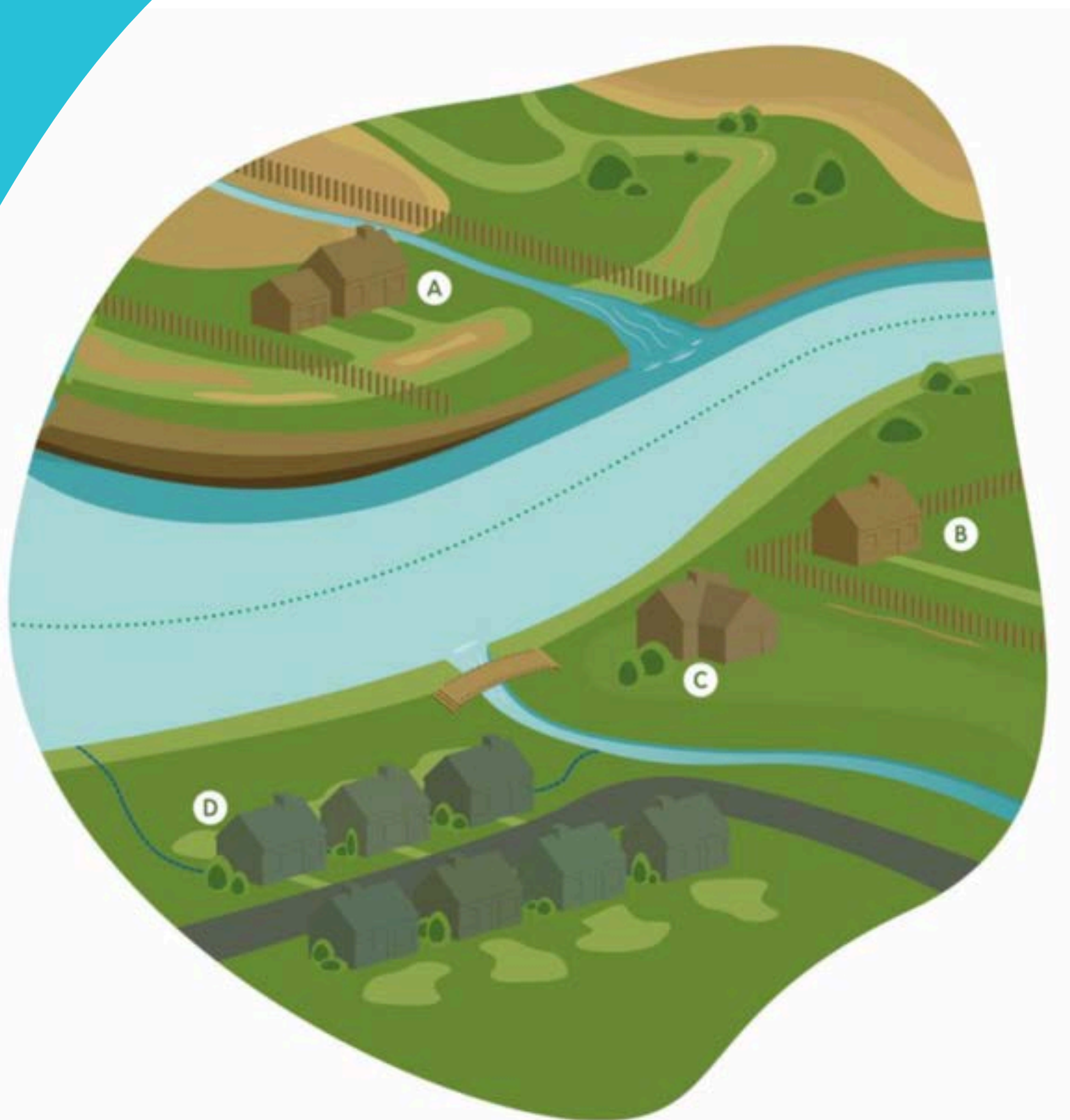


Case Study - Sept '24 Flood

- loss of irreplaceable personal possession
- Cost of insurance repair - £100,000
- Insurance premiums now increased 4 times
- Installation of drainage scheme - £10,000
- Inconvenience of living in a building site
- Strain on family relationships



Are You a Riparian Owner?



Check your property deeds as hedges, fences and earth banks may not signify your legal boundaries.

Property A is responsible for the watercourse which runs through their property. They also own up to the centre of the watercourse that runs along their property boundary to the south.

Property B is not a riparian owner as their property boundary does not extend to the watercourse.

Property C is responsible for the watercourse to the rear of their boundary, extending to the central line. They are also responsible for the stream to the west of the property up to halfway across the watercourse.

A watercourse may also be covered or 'culverted'. **Properties D** are riparian owners and responsible for the culvert running beneath their properties, as shown by the dashed blue line.

Where a river runs along the boundary of land, the riparian owner will own up to halfway across the watercourse, unless stated otherwise in property deeds.

Lack of Maintenance



silt build-up



Excess weeds



dumping of green waste & rubbish

Obstruction

Fencing

Concrete in a culvert

Grills



Community Action - Tacks Pond

A private area behind several properties became overgrown with vegetation, fallen and overhanging trees and silted up.

Work carried out over many years.



Community Action - Tacks Pond

Transformed into a wildlife haven





Bringing people together to reduce flood risk

PARISH COUNCIL

Our role is to support local residents and help to bring together those who have suffered flooding with those who can help to reduce the risk through expert advice and practical solutions. We are also a riparian owner of land at Longwall.

FLOOD GROUP

Local residents who have been impacted by flooding and have maintenance responsibilities. Leading on co-ordination of local efforts to reduce the risk of flooding

RIPARIAN OWNERS

There are around 100 properties in Haddenham with riparian ownership responsibilities. We need to identify who these people are and work with them to make sure they are aware of the legal duties and have the support they need to carry them out

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Its responsibilities include the strategic overview of flood risk for the whole of the UK. They work with the LLFs to coordinate flood risk strategy and provide funding for flood alleviation projects. They issue permits for work that might impact a watercourse and have enforcement powers

LOCAL LEAD FLOOD AUTHORITY

Buckinghamshire Council is the LLFA and has responsibility for managing the risk of flooding from surface water and main rivers across the county. They have Flood Management and Highways Teams to take on this responsibility and help to resolve issues.